MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY
JULY 24, 1993

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mineral King Preservation Society was held on July 24, 1993 at the "Brundage-Griggs Cabin," EMK1, Mineral King, Sequoia National Park, California. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Martin, who also acted as Chairman.

DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND GUESTS PRESENT

Bill Martin	- President
Jim Barton	- Vice President
Ora Kay Peterson	- Executive Director
Stoney Savage	- Treasurer
Michael Botkin	- Director
Jay Peterson	- Director
Alan George	- Director
Jean Koch	- Director
John Elliott	- MKPS Historian
Jana Botkin	- Cabinart
Bill Womack	- Guest Speaker, Annual Picnic
Rebecca Womack	

DIRECTORS AND STAFF ABSENT

Stuart Hendricks	- Director
Earl Meyers	- Director
David Cairns	- Director
Sarah Elliott	- Recording Secretary

SEVENTH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

President Martin thanked all those who volunteered their efforts to make the Seventh Annual Picnic in the Park a success, and possibly the best "Picnic" yet, with a very special thanks to Ora Kay Peterson.

MINUTES OF MAY 8, 1993

Executive Director Peterson reviewed the minutes of May 8, 1993.

Motion

Director Barton made the motion, seconded by Director Peterson, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 1993 regular meeting with the following corrections:

1. John Elliott, MKPS Historian, will be added to "Directors, Staff, and Guests Present."

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2. "Directors Absent" will be added with Alan George, Earl Meyers, David Cairns, and Jean Koch so noted.

3. Paragraph Two of the Treasurer's Report will now read, "Director Savage added that the Society has $2,400 in special accounts, and he recommends..."

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Peterson reported that she and Mr. Jim Simons attended a conference held by Congressman Richard Lehman in which she was able to meet and discuss with the Congressman the goals of MKPS. Congressman Lehman informed her that he is willing to support MKPS in its endeavors.

In response to President Martin's inquiry, Mr. Elliott informed the Board that he has contacted Southern California Edison Company, however, has received no response regarding the grant to MKPS.

Executive Director Peterson reported that she has not yet drafted the letter to Tulare County Historical Society requesting written support from them to be sent to Sequoia National Park stating their concern over the pending removal of historic structures.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Savage distributed and reported on the financial statements of the Mineral King Preservation Society as of July 23, 1993, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Director Savage reported that MKPS currently has 38 memorials; and, to date, 126 paid memberships.

Director Savage also distributed a current list of Mineral King Preservation Society's Board of Directors and Staff from 1987 through the present.

PINKHAM CABIN AGREEMENT

President Martin thanked those individuals who have provided upkeep and maintenance to the Pinkham cabin.

He reminded the Board that the agreement with the NPS states that the cabin can be occupied for maintenance purposes only, and is not to be used for recreation. Director Savage added that any infraction by MKPS might give the NPS cause to remove the cabin, so, in this initial year, MKPS should demonstrate its willingness to abide by the agreement and proceed with caution as to whom is permitted to inhabit the cabin. Mr. Elliott stated that once a determination of eligibility is obtained, the whole situation may be changed.

Discussion ensued regarding a possible leak in the underground

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propane lines at the Pinkham cabin. The Board directed that the propane not be used as a safety precaution, and the propane will be permanently locked off for the duration of this summer season.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Dixon Memorial Publication. Mr. Elliott reported on the status of the Dixon memorial publication, stating that it will be complete and ready for sale at the annual Mineral King District Association meeting. He added that any changes or updates, i.e. memorial contributions, can be added at each subsequent printing.

NR/MPD Nomination. Mr. Elliott distributed a draft of the Multiple Properties Documentation nomination for the Mineral King Historic District to the Board. Mr. Elliott informed the Board that all cabin permittees will be requested to submit a historic or designated name and date of erection of their cabin, and this information will be a part of the MPD submission. The names and dates will also be used by MKPS to have uniform signs made for each cabin, and that the lessees will be requested to reimburse MKPS for this expense. Mr. Elliott credited Jeanette Barton (WMK13) for the recommendation of the historic name/date signs.

Mr. Elliott reported that in a letter from Dr. William Tweed, NPS, dated May 25, 1993, he requests that three items be included in the MPD package:

1. A full statement of significance;

2. A set of maps displaying District properties and boundaries; and

3. A list of contributing and non-contributing elements.

Mr. Elliott then reported to the Board what the MPD will contain the above as well as a Dixon memorial publication; a San Joaquin Illustrated, Mineral King segment, video; a contextual statement by MKPS architectural historian, Sheryl Hack; and correspondence by Robert Selway, an architectural historian who recently toured the Mineral King Historic District on behalf of MKPS and Dr. Tweed (letter of May 25, 1993). He added that besides the original package being forwarded to OHP in Sacramento, additional copies will go to Antoinette Lee, NR Section, NPS; Robert Spude, Chief, Preservation Programs, NPS; and Tom Mulhern, Historic Preservation, NPS, Western Region.

Mr. Elliott reported that Sheryl Hack, MKPS architectural historian, will be visiting Mineral King during the first week of August in order to complete her contextual statement and will review all cabins for contributing/non-contributing factors, and determine which cabins best represent each category of architecture.

Mr. Elliott requested an additional budget of $1,375 for the

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following changes and finalizations to the MPD nomination package:

A) Synthesis of final statement and filling in the blanks;

B) Changes to five maps to expand District boundaries, and add mining properties, trails, etc.; and

C) Update photo index, and contributors/non-contributors.

Director Savage requested to see the maps since Mr. Elliott was directed to supply the Board with a complete draft MPD nomination package. Mr. Elliott replied that maps had been distributed to the Board at the January meeting. Director Savage showed apprehension due to his belief that there has been an amount of overlap in work completed and budget requests.

At this time, Director George was excused from the meeting, however, prior to his departure he stated that he approves Mr. Elliott's budget increase request of $1,375, adding that the Historian has brought MKPS this far and deserves the support of the entire Board.

Director Peterson was concerned that this additional amount would create a deficit in the MKPS accounts although the Picnic income has not been totaled at this time. Discussion ensued regarding Director Savage's questions relating to Mr. Elliott's additional budget request.

Motion

Director Peterson made the motion, seconded by Director Savage, to approve Mr. Elliott's budget request in the amount not-to-exceed $1,375; 50 percent of the payment to be made upon this authorization and 50 percent due upon submittal of the final nomination; subject to the availability of funds. Motion carried by all Directors present.

At this time, Mr. Elliott was directed to draft correspondence to Dr. Tweed, NPS, explaining that Tweed's August 1, 1993 deadline will not be met due to several factors, including the fact that the architectural historian will not be arriving from New Hampshire until the first week of August, and the final package will have to be submitted to the Board for their approval after this date.

NEW BUSINESS

Lehman Staff Proposal. President Martin stated that correspondence should to be prepared in concurrence with Mineral King District Association (for consistency purposes only) stating the intentions and goals of MKPS.

Adjourned Board of Directors' Meeting. An adjourned meeting of

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the Board of Directors was scheduled for Friday, August 6, 1993 at the Barton cabin, WMK13.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to August 6, 1993 at Mineral King, Sequoia National Park, California.

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MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY

DATE: July 23, 1993
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Stoney Savage SS Treasurer
SUBJECT: Current Financial Picture

This report provides information about our finances and reflects the situation as I see it. The attached Reconciliation Report shows the balance in our MKNB checking account on 7/23/93.

MINERAL KING HISTORIC DISTRICT CAMPAIGN

We have received donations of $6656 to date for this project. Van Dixon's appeal generated about $3200 of this amount.

PENDING OR ANTICIPATED INVOICES

Pending--
None

Anticipated--

$ 800	Dixon Book Publishing
500	Elliott-Preleminary Determination of Eligibility
100	Elliott-Dr Spude Letter
100	Elliott-Tri-Fold Revision
150	Elliott--Antoinette Lee Letter
600	Elliott--Mining History Conference
600	Elliott/C & H Reproductions--Fall Newsletter
50	Price--Repair Mat'ls for Pinkham cabin
$2900	Total

SUMMARY

$2142.80	Bank Book Balance 7/23/93
- 37.80	Account Reserve(req'd to prevent service charge)
	($202.80 AR - $165.00 P of HS = $37.80)
	Restricted Funds--by donor or solicitation
- 478.00	Dixon Book
-1528.00	Preservation of Historic Structures
- 99.00	George Lavers-Belt Buckle Inventory Purchase Fund
$ 0.00	General Funds Available as of 7/23/93

NOTE: Using restricted funds where possible (Dixon book $478 and borrowing from Preservation of Historic Structures $1363) a total of $1059 still must be raised to pay the anticipated invoices listed above and maintain minimum account and other restricted fund balances. In addition we must raise $1528 to pay back the Preservation of Historic Structures funds borrowed per Board authorization in 5/93. This equals a total need of $2587 in order to break even!!!!

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MKPSRR93/VC7 Partial 07/23/93

MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Reconciliation of Mineral King National Bank Accounts

DATE	TRANSACTIONS	CK ACCT 419455 DEBIT	CK ACCT 419455 CREDIT	MM ACCT 154508 DEBIT	MM ACCT 154508 CREDIT
	INCOME				
07/11	To Deposit		647.19		CLOSED
07/11	To Deposit		120.00		
	EXPENSES				
07/11	John Elliott	1255.00			
07/11	Suburban Propane	40.64			
07/11	Suburban Propane	10.73			
07/20	Midtown Sports	105.80			
07/20	Bryant Productions	217.50			
07/23	Ora Kay Peterson	143.79			
07/23	McDuck Productions	297.06			
	TRANSFERS				

SUMMARIES

* * * CHECK BOOKS * * *

	CK ACCT	MM ACCT	
BEGINNING BALANCE	3446.13	CLOSED	
PLUS INCOME	767.19	0.00	
MINUS EXPENSES	2070.52	0.00	
TRANSFER CK to MM	0.00	0.00	
TRANSFER MM to CK	0.00	0.00	
07/23/93 ENDING BALANCE	2142.80	0.00	TOTAL 2142.80

* * * MM/DD/YY STATEMENT * * *

	CK ACCT	MM ACCT	
ENDING BOOK BALANCE		CLOSED	
PLUS CREDITS (ADJ)			
MINUS CREDITS (DEP OUT)			
PLUS DEBITS (CKS OUT)			
MINUS DEBITS (ADJ)			
MM/DD/YY BANK BALANCE	0.00	0.00	TOTAL 0.00

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MKPSSR93/VC 07/11/93

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MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY
Summary of Income and Expenses for 1993

ACC#	ACCOUNT NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
						INCOME								
01	Individual Dues					420	240							660
02	Couple Dues			25		625	275							925
03	Family Dues					355								355
06	Sponsor Dues					50								50
	Memorials					120	110							230
27	Beulah Books			20		60								80
31	Preserv His Struct					70								70
32	Historic District	820		455		365	71							1711
35	Kern Canyon Books			5										5
47	Sales Tax			1		4								6
48	Donation					5								5
														0
TOTAL	INCOME	820	0	506	0	2074	696	0	0	0	0	0	0	4097
						EXPENSE								
56	Historian-Elliott	1255		1255	350	1460	196							4516
57	Accounting			60		50								110
58	Insurance			365										365
68	Shirts						300							300
70	Beulah Books			124										124
75	Dixon-H D Mailer	11												11
80	Postage	43												43
81	Printing	51				413	42							506
93	St Bd Eq--Dues Tax	136												136
TOTAL	EXPENSE	1495	0	1804	350	1923	538	0	0	0	0	0	0	6111
NET	INCOME	-675	0	-1298	-350	151	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2015

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY
AUGUST 6, 1993

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mineral King Preservation Society was held on August 6, 1993 at the cabin of Jim Barton, WMK13, Mineral King, Sequoia National Park, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bill Martin, who also acted as Chairman.

DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND GUESTS PRESENT

Bill Martin	- President
Jim Barton	- Vice President
Ora Kay Peterson	- Executive Director
Stoney Savage	- Treasurer
Michael Botkin	- Director
Jean Koch	- Director
John Elliott	- MKPS Historian
Sheryl Hack	- MKPS Architectural Historian
Bob Bungay	- WMK9

DIRECTORS AND STAFF ABSENT

David Cairns	- Director
Alan George	- Director
Stuart Hendricks	- Director
Earl Meyer	- Director
Jay Peterson	- Director
Sarah Elliott	- Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

President Martin announced that this adjourned meeting was to receive reports from Mr. Elliott and Ms. Hack regarding the status of the preliminary determination of eligibility Multiple Properties Documentation (MPD) package. President Martin added that an additional item has come to the Board's attention which will be addressed as an emergency action item at this meeting regarding a request by the Pinkham family to occupy their cabin.

HISTORIANS' REPORT

NR/MPD Nomination. Ms. Hack informed the Board as to her role as architectural historian for MKPS. She then reported on her recent activities regarding the MPD nomination which included revisions of the historic structures' contributors and non-contributors that were originally designated in 1990. After inspection of all cabins and outbuildings, Ms. Hack reported that only 10 percent of all structures will be designated as non-contributors. She added that the District now contains a total of ap-

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proximately 115 structures, including cabins, privys, and outbuildings.

Ms. Hack continued by discussing the aesthetics of the Mineral King Historic District. She recommended that all aluminum windows be painted or covered by wood; batts should be applied to cover plywood siding; and remodelings should be consistent with the original structure. She added that the District should be consistent in appearance, i.e. exterior paint, within each class of architecture; and name/date signs with the historic or cultural property name should be visible. She informed the Board that it is acceptable that all the above maintenance and/or repairs is voluntary, however, correspondence should be sent to all permittees advising them of these issues which are in their best interest.

Ms. Hack also reported on the impact of Section 106 and Section 110, approved in 1992, in which all federal agencies, i.e. National Park Service, must have a general plan to document and preserve historic resources within their jurisdiction.

Mr. Elliott informed the Board that a draft preliminary determination of eligibility package will be ready for review and comments by the Board by August 18, 1993. He added that, after revisions and Board approval, the entire package will be delivered to the appropriate agencies.

Mr. Elliott reported that he and Ms. Hack will give a presentation to the Mineral King District Association tomorrow (August 7, 1993) regarding the status of the MPD nomination package and the Dixon Memorial publication.

PINKHAM CABIN AGREEMENT

Executive Director Peterson reported that she received a request from the Pinkhams to stay in their former cabin for one week, and offered to paint the exterior during this time. After much discussion, the Board concurred that, as per their decision at the July 24, 1993 regular meeting, the cabin is not to be used for recreational purposes, and is to be occupied for maintenance purposes only. It was reported that a current maintenance assessment did not reveal a need for exterior paint. Once again, the Board concurred that until a determination of eligibility is received, occupancy of this cabin will be authorized solely for maintenance purposes, as determined necessary by the MKPS Board of Directors. President Martin will inform the Pinkhams of the decision to abide by all terms and conditions as set forth in the NPS/MKPS agreement and, therefore, the subsequent denial of their request to occupy the cabin.

Motion

Director Savage made the motion, seconded by Executive Director Peterson, that until the Determination of Eligibility is approved, the relatives of expired permittees will be unable to be

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involved in the maintenance, upkeep, or repair of their historic structure and, therefore, will be denied permission to occupy same, and that said maintenance will be assigned to the appropriate parties by the MKPS Historic Structures Committee. Motion carried by all Directors present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Savage reported on the current financial statements of the Mineral King Preservation Society which are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. He added that there were still some receivables from those who obtained merchandise at the annual Picnic in the Park. The Board directed that invoices be sent to all accounts receivable.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held in October, on a date to be determined, at Visalia, California.

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MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY
CHECKBOOK BALANCE/BUDGET SHEET

8/6/93 Book Balance		$2289.01
5/9/93 Elliott Budget Approval (5/8/93 Bd Mtg)		
Spude Letter	$100.00	
Lee Letter	150.00	
Fall Newsletter-Elliott	200.00	
Print & Mail	400.00	
7/24/93 Elliott Budget Approval (7/24/93 Bd Mtg)		
NPS Preleminary Determination Package		
$1375.00		
- 150.00 Lee Ltr above		
$1225.00	1255.00	
	2075.00	
First Payment to Corn	-687.50	
	$1387.00	-1387.50
		915.51
Reserve necessary to avoid bank service charges		-215.51
Lavers belt buckle restricted funds		-100.00
8/6/93 Checkbook Funds Available		$ 600.00

Prepared by Stoney Savage, Treasure

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October 5, 1993

MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY
2936 S. West Street, Visalia, California 93277
(209) 734-6150

Mr. Steade Craigo
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

RE: Mineral King NR Nomination

Dear Mr. Craigo:

As you are aware, the Mineral King Preservation Society (MKPS) is currently preparing a NR nomination/Multiple Properties Documentation (MPD) for the Mineral King area, Sequoia National Park. Since our correspondence of May 18th, NPS staff has requested that MKPS submit "a determination of eligibility package" relative to the proposed Mineral King Historic District.

A NPS letter to MKPS (dated May 25, 1993) stated that the package should contain a statement of significance, maps, and lists of contributors/non-contributors. Furthermore, the letter stated that the NPS will support the concept of a Mineral King Historic District, though "the potential eligibility of the special use permit cabins ... is the real question before us."

For this reason, the enclosed material contains comprehensive data about the structures, i.e. the Mineral King cabin community. Should you require additional documentation relating to the other property components of the proposed district, we would be most willing to supplement this package.

Perhaps I can visit with you or staff during the upcoming CCPH Conference in Nevada City. Should you have any questions please call me at (209) 561-4843. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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John F. Elliott
MKPS Historian

enc.

cc: (all package components)

J. Thomas Ritter, Superintendent; Sequoia National Park
Antoinette Lee, NPS Interagency Resources Division
Thomas Mulhern, NPS Western Region
Robert L. Spude, Chief; National Preservation Programs

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ROBERT R. SELWAY III
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2414 BONNIE BRAE
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92706
September 10, 1993

John Elliott, Director
Elliott Research Associates
P.O. Box 728
Three Rivers, CA 93271

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Subject: Mineral King Historic District

Dear Mr. Elliott,

It was a pleasure to visit with you in the Mineral King Historic District in early July. What a beautiful setting and fascinating collection of historic buildings.

I enjoyed reading the draft historic district paper, and I agree with its content and conclusions. Mineral King has a significant history, both representative and unique in its origins and evolution. It is representative of a mountain mining community in the West whose preservation was facilitated by subsequent recreational demands and advantages. Yet it is unique due to its family presence beginnings and continuity, as well as its cohesiveness of building style, materials, and location.

Of course the most amazing element of Mineral King's significance is the integrity of setting, lack of non-historic period intrusions, and paucity of alterations. In my twenty years in historic preservation in California I have not seen an historic district with a truer historic setting. Rarely anywhere in the U.S. has a collection of historic buildings enjoyed the preservation prompting blend of long-term use without misuse, practical maintenance without the extremes of modernization or neglect, and remoteness with accessibility. That is one winding road!

As far as National Register eligibility and historical significance, obviously the Mineral King historic district is eligible and special. I'm pleased to see one of America's less credited groups - middle class families - recognized as important in a part of our history. Surely their efforts have been and will continue to be crucial to the preservation of this historic district.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Robert Selway, Principal

cc: Mineral King Preservation Society

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Miss Annie Mitchell
701 South Watson Visalia, California 93277

28 September 1993

Dear Ora Kay,

Thank you so much for the copy of the Mineral King Book. I have read it with pleasure and admiration. John Elliott has compiled a readable, informative, and attractive book.

Over the years you and members of the Mineral King Preservation Society have gathered an immense of material as well as pictures relating to Mineral King. As a person who has done some writing I know only to well how hard it is to " not include everything."

John Elliott has managed to weld all the material into a book with selectivity and understanding. The natural background, the history, the people, and the hope to preserve those elements all blend together.

I sincerely hope Mineral King will be preserved the " way it was" My sincere congratulations to John Elliott and everyone who is working to hard to preserve a beautifull and historic spot.

Sincerely
Annie R. Mitchell

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